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SUBJECT: ASSURANCE ON CONTINUITY US FOREIGN POLICY

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL MORNING AUGUST 10 MET
COLLECTIVELY WITH NUMBER ASIAN CHIEFS OF MISSION TO PROVIDE
ASSURANCES ABOUT CONTINUITY OF US FOREIGN POLICY UNDER NEW
FORD ADMINISTRATION. MEETING WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO SESSIONS
WITH DIVISION BASED ON EXISTENCE OR NOT OF SECURITY TIES
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WITH US. FIRST SESSION WAS WITH AUSTRALIAN, KOREAN, NEW

ZEALAND, PHILIPPINE, ROC AMBASSADORS AND THAI CHARGE;
SECOND SESSION ATTENDED BY BURMESE AND CAMBODIAN AMBASSA-
DORS AND FIJI, INDONESIAN, LAOS, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE
CHARGES. FYI - JAPANESE, VIETNAMESE AMBASSADORS AND
PRCLO CHIEF AUGUST 9 MET SEPARATELY WITH PRESIDENT AND
SECSTATE.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY IN BOTH SESSIONS RELATED PRESIDENT
FORD'S DESIRE TO INFORM ASIAN GOVERNMENTS THAT NEW
ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICIES,
MAINTAIN EXISTING US COMMITMENTS AND RETAIN DR. KISSINGER
AS SECRETARY OF STATE TO ASSURE SUCH CONTINUITY. HE NOTED
THAT THIS DESIRE IS REFLECTED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER
TO SOME HEADS OF STATE AS ONE OF HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS
AND IN THIS MEETING WHICH TAKING PLACE WITHIN 24 HOURS
OF SWEARING IN OF NEW PRESIDENT.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THAT
IT POSSIBLE THAT, OWING TO INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES, THERE
MIGHT BE SOME STYLISTIC CHANGES IN NEW PRESIDENT'S CON-
DUCT OF POLICIES, BUT AGAIN STRESSED THERE WOULD BE NO
ABRUPT, SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. HE POINTED TO STRONG BI-
PARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT OF EXISTING
POLICIES AS ADDITIONAL STRONG ELEMENTS FOR CONTINUITY.

4. ATTENDEES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ASSURANCES,
WITH INDONESIAN CHARGE RELATING THAT FONMIN MALIK
YESTERDAY HAD EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER RETENTION
DR. KISSINGER. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH DEPUTY
SECRETARY'S OBSERVATION THAT
ORDERLY TRANSITION OF POWER ATTESTS TO STRENGTH OF US
INSTITUTIONS AND WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO INTERNATIONAL
CLIMATE. AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADORS ASKED
ABOUT POSSIBILITY THEIR PM'S CALLING ON PRESIDENT DURING
PLANNED PRESENCE FOR OPENING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUT NO
ENCOURAGEMENT WAS OFFERED ABOUT POSSIBILITY SUCH MEETINGS.
KHMER AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY
PARTICULARLY WELCOME TO NATIONS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING
GREAT HARDSHIPS. KISSINGER

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